



INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

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RAISED BILL No. 6306 AAC THE LISTING OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES IN MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION PROVIDER LISTINGS, AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER DESIGNATIONS.

Testimony of Julie Stewart IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL No. 6306

Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, and members of the Committee

I am writing to you because the passing of Bill 6306 is of utmost importance to me, but most importantly, it is of critical importance for my patients.

I am a family nurse practitioner working in a Federally Qualified Health Center in Connecticut. I am a certified HIV specialist through the American Academy of HIV Medicine. The vast majority of my patients are HIV infected, although I also provide all their primary care as well as the specialty care they require. There have been numerous occasions where I am sending them for radiological procedures or laboratory tests related to their health status and reports are not returned to me. As you can imagine, time can be of crucial importance for these patients. Whether it is a radiological or laboratory result, or a notice from an insurance company, these reports and letters need to be returned to me so that appropriate follow up can occur in a timely manner.

Properly credentialing of providers of care would solve these situations, allowing for timely care. As a body of officials who can change the current system, I ask that you support Raised bill No, 6306

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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